

FENNY BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 October 2022 at 7.00 pm in Fenny Bentley Church

Present: Cllrs: C Miller (Chair); K Croft (Vice Chair); A Everitt; S Wright and D Stone. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

The Chair declared an interest as a relative of the Clerk.

3. Invited comments from County & District Councillors and members of the public

There were no members of the public, County or District Councillors present at this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 19 July 2022

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 19 July 2022 as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

The hedge along the footpath from Ashes Lane to the School had now been cut back and trees also pruned.

Footbridge over the river – negotiations regarding the land were ongoing.

Overgrown hedge at Hinkley Fields – the Clerk read out an email received from the owner regarding the overgrown hedge. Clerk to respond and clarify the situation regarding the cutting of hedges which were obstructing the highway.

Tidying up of the area around the shed – this work is still outstanding. **Action: Clerk**

6. Highway matters – flooding/potholes/traffic/bridge

Councillors were concerned about the general condition of the road surface of the A515 through the village, particularly areas near the Coach & Horses and on the hill toward the Bentley Corner. Clerk to photograph and report. **Action: Clerk**

7. Update on Object in the Highway Application for Speed Indicator Devices

Public notices regarding the application would be posted in the village on the 28 October, there was then a 28 period for receipt of comments. Clerk was asked to submit the grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner. **Action: Clerk**

8. Distribution of 20s Plenty Signs

The 20s Plenty Signs had now been received; Chair was to do a letter to go to residents along with a sign asking them to display the sign on their wheelie bins. **Action: Chair**

9. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Update on the new Website

Councillors were shown a preview of the new website, most Parish Council information was now on the site, the Clerk had still to add FBI and history information. **Action: Clerk**

b) Financial Statement

The balance in the current account was £5,389.05 and the balance in the deposit account was £52.84.

c) Bank Account and online banking

The Council’s current account had now been moved to Lloyds Bank and several Councillors were able to access the online system. The Council resolved that the Clerk should be added to the online banking.

Action: Chair

d) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to approve payment of the following items:

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| Community Heartbeat Trust | 198.00 |
| Landscape Maintenance Services | 96.00 |
| Clerk's Salary - July 2022 | 64.30 |
| Clerk's Salary - August 2022 | 64.50 |
| Clerk's Salary - September 2022 | 89.30 |
| HMRC | 48.40 |
| Clerk's Expenses | 45.32 |

10. Clerk’s Report & Correspondence

The Clerk had recently attended a County Council Forum which had been organised for Parish Councils, at the meeting some concern had been expressed about the County Council’s highway policy on dealing with speeding issues in villages.

11. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

12. Councillors’ Comments & Observations

The church was arranging for some overgrown trees in the churchyard to be cut back as these were currently overgrowing on to a neighbouring property, the Parish Council had no objection to this work going ahead.

The Fenny Bentley Initiative (FBI) had been reinstated and the first event would be held in church on the 2 December.

The Chair had attended a Benefice meeting, there was some interest in re-establishing a Parochial Church Council (PCC) for Fenny Bentley. The advertisement for a new vicar had been published. Cllr Stone confirmed that he would like to be on the PCC. There was a church service planned for the 30 October at 10.30 am this would be led by Rev Arthur Champion.

There had been no action by the Peak Park on the static caravan, but it was understood that the Peak Park had a large backlog of issues that needed to be actioned and there were problems with staffing.

13. Date of next meeting

The Council resolved to meet again in January 2023. The meeting closed at 19.45.

Signed..... Dated